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DEAR MR. MCALLISTER OR. PHILLIPS:

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DEPT FOR EB AND RAP/CM

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E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: ETTC, ECON, ETRD, OTRA, CH
SUBJECT: INVITATION TO ATTEND LAUNCHING OF AUSSAT BL

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTERS FROM MINISTRY OF
AEROSPACE SET COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SUN JIADONG INVITING EB

ASSISTANT SECRETARY EUGENE MCALLISTER AND AUSTR DONALD
PHILLIPS TO ATTEND THE LAUNCHING OF THE AUSSAT BL
SATELLITE ABOARD A LONG MARCH 2E (LM-2E) ROCKET AT THE
XICHANG, SICHUAN, LAUNCH SITE. MINISTRY OF AEROSPACE
OFFERS TO PAY FOR TRAVEL FROM BEIJING TO XICHANG AND
LODGING IN XICHANG. LAUNCH DATE, WHICH WAS RECENTLY
POSTPONED FROM EARLY MARCH, IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR
MARCH 22. TRAVEL TO XICHANG FROM BEIJING WOULD BE BY
CHARTERED AIRCRAFT, ON MARCH 20 OR 21, WITH TWO NIGHTS IN
XICHANG AROUND THE LAUNCH DATE.

2. AMBASSADOR AND ECON MINICONS HAVE RECEIVED SIMILAR
INVITATIONS AND PLAN TO ACCEPT. (SEPTTEL WILL COVER THEIR
ACCEPTANCE OF FREE TRAVEL FOR PURPOSE OF ATTENDING
LAUNCH.) AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFF ARE ALSO
SCHEDULED TO ATTEND LAUNCH.

3. ACTION REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENT: PLEASE ADVISE
MCALLISTER AND PHILLIPS' RESPONSE TO INVITATION. EMBASSY
WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO HOST A VISIT BY EITHER OR BOTH USG
OFFICIAL. A VISIT BY EITHER COULD BE EXPANDED TO COVER A
LOT MORE GROUND THAN JUST THE AUSSAT LAUNCH. END ACTION
REQUEST.

4. TEXT OF INVITATION LETTER FOLLOWS IN PARA 5.
ORIGINALS POUNCHED TO DEPARTMENT, EAP/CM, FOR TRANSMITTAL.

5. BEGIN TEXT:

RETURN ADDRESS: THE MINISTRY OF AERO-SPACE INDUSTRY.

P.O. BOX 848, BEIJING, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, TELEX
28026 MOHFA CN, FAX 8370849, BEIJING, CHINA.)

DATED FEBRUARY 24, 1992)

-- AUSSAT BL, THE AUSTRALIAN SECOND GENERATION
TELECOMMUNICATION SATELLITE IS GOING TO BE LAUNCHED BY
LM-2E, STRAPPED-ON BOOSTER ROCKET, IN MARCH OF THIS
YEAR. AT PRESENT, THE PRE-LAUNCHING PREPARATIONS ARE
CARRYING ON AND GETTING IN PROGRESS AS PLANNED. ON THE
OCCASION OF THE LAUNCH CAMPAIGN (OF AUSSAT BL) WHICH IS
SCHEDULED TO BE LAUNCHED FROM MARCH 22 AT XICHANG
SATELLITE LAUNCH CENTER, SICHUAN PROVINCE, SOUTH-WEST OF
CHINA, WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR KIND INVITATION TO YOU
TO WITNESS THIS LAUNCHING IF YOU FEEL CONVENIENT DURING
THAT PERIOD, WHICH COULD STRENGTHEN OUR FRIENDSHIP AND
COOPERATION. WE ARE WAITING FOR YOUR EARLIEST (SIC)
RESPONSES FOR AN APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENT.

-- YOU WILL BE KEPT INFORMED OF THE LAUNCHING PLAN AND
THE EXACT LAUNCHING DATE FROM TIME TO TIME THROUGH OUR
EMBASSY. THE COST OF YOUR COMING AND GOING FROM BEIJING
TO THE LAUNCHING SITE AND OF THE FOOD, ACCOMMODATION AND
TRANSPORTATION AT THE LAUNCHING SITE WILL BE COVERED BY
OUR SIDE.

-- I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU IN CHINA SOON.

SINCERELY YOURS,
SUN JIA DONG
PRESIDENT
COMMITTEE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
HAS

(END TEXT)
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